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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The thirty-fifth annual conference of the British Columbia Library Association will be held on Monday, May 13th, at the Malaspina Hotel, Nanaimo.

The executive hopes that members will come prepared to discuss the many important questions which will come at this meeting: the report of the salaries, staff and tenure committee, the higher scale of fees proposed by the finance committee, the changes in election procedure suggested by the constitution committee, and the recommendation made by the labor relations committee.

Please study all the annual reports as published in this Bulletin, and bring them with you to the meeting.

For your convenience, the following schedule of C.P.R. boats to Nanaimo is appended: on weekdays boats leave Vancouver at 11 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.; on Sundays, leave Vancouver at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.; on weekdays, leave Nanaimo at 7:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Members wishing to present resolutions should submit them in writing to the Resolutions Committee.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Malaspina Hotel, Nanaimo, Monday, May 13, 1946

Morning Session

8:45 - 9:15 Registration
9:15 Greetings
Minutes of Annual Meeting of June 1945
Minutes of Special Meeting of October 1945
President's remarks
Treasurer's report
Auditor's report
Reports of committees as published in Bulletin
Other reports
- Joint Committee on Library Policy
- Public Relations Committee
- Labor Relations Committee
- Constitution Committee
- Finance Committee

Canadian Library Council
- Report of Representative
- Discussion of Activities Committee report

Election of Nominating Committee for 1946-1947
Eledtion of Auditing Committee for 1946-1947

Luncheon Period - free

Afternoon Session

1:30 Report of Committee on Salaries, Staff and Tenure
Report of Resolutions Committee
Unfinished business
New business
Report of Nominating Committee

Evening Session

6:45 Dinner meeting
- Dress: informal
- Tickets to be purchased at time of registration

Speaker: Hon. G. M. Weir, D.Paed., Minister of Education
- Discussion on adult education

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALA REPRESENTATIVE

The ALA Midwinter Conference took place in Chicago December the 27th through the 30th. Besides the sessions which the Council held, many other library groups had program, business and luncheon meetings. The Council met daily on the 27th, 28th and 29th. The program was interesting with reports, panels and discussions - a return to normal after the breathless gallop of last year when reports went through with unbelievable speed and the president apologetically compared the conference to a railway schedule.

Two representatives were present from British Columbia: Miss Anne Smith, generally elected, and myself, representing the BCLA.

Again this year, I wish to emphasize finances. Since a representative sent to the ALA acts for the libraries of the province, it seems fair that adequate financial assistance should be given. Otherwise this office is apt to be held by a librarian with a large salary or by a chief librarian who receives funds from the library where he works. This is not democratic; some of the best material we can produce should come from our younger, non-administrative membership. Library boards of British Columbia should give adequate financial assistance to any BCLA members acting as representatives at the meetings of other library organizations, since the libraries of the representative receive more benefit than other libraries.

Julia C. Stockett
ALA Representative

CANADIAN LIBRARY COUNCIL

The Canadian Library Council is meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, on June 14th and 15th. It is proposed at that time to establish a national association of librarians in Canada, if those present so decide. Canadian librarians are urged to attend this important conference, which precedes the ALA Buffalo meeting.

The conference begins on Friday morning, June 14th, with a general session on The Canadian Library Scene and divides into commissions to study and report on the organization of the Canadian Library Association. There will be a period for library visits and tea and dinner in the evening with a speaker on a phase of library work of nationwide importance. Saturday, June 15th, will hear the recommendations of the commissions and will set up the Canadian Library Association. The afternoon will be given over to workshop periods with tea. The evening will consider a public relations program and will break up for the showing of films and committee meetings. Sunday, June 16th will allow further workshop meetings with consultants, private meetings of individuals with mutual interests, meeting of the executive of the CLA, and the setting up of national committees.

CLA ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE The terms of reference of this committee read "to collect and digest suggestions and submit comprehensive plans for the Canadian Library Association. The Committee received suggestions of all sorts, many of which were of an organizational character, and these will be forwarded to the Constitution Committee as an appendix to this report. This report deals with the activities proposed for the Canadian Library Association and does not deal with membership, fees, voting privileges, etc.

The Activities Committee is in agreement that the Canadian Library Association should take over the activities carried on by the Canadian Library Council, Inc. through its

(1) HEADQUARTERS OFFICE which serves as a clearing-house of library library information for the dominion and for any agency outside of Canada interested in cooperating with Canadian libraries.
(2) PUBLICATIONS
(3) LIBRARY VISITS
(4) LIAISON between
  (a) The library associations and the Dominion government on national matters such as the distribution of government documents, postage rates, customs duties, etc.
  (b) The library associations and all organizations concerned with education, information, recreation, and cultural activities.
  (c) The library associations and the ALA concerning library publications, professional practices, etc.
  (d) The library associations and the library associations within the British Empire and beyond.
(5) PUBLICITY or public relations concerning libraries at the national level.
(6) CONFERENCES on library interests at the national level.

In addition the Activities Committee would suggest that as the proposed Canadian Library Association grows in membership and experience, it set up committees to develop

(1) LIBRARY STANDARDS for Canada including
  (a) Community library service
  (b) Standards of librarianship
(2) LIBRARY LEGISLATION of a more uniform character to serve as a framework for any provincial committee planning library legislation.
(3) LIBRARY PLACEMENT throughout the dominion to encourage Canadians to remain in the Dominion.
(4) LIBRARY EXCHANGES within and beyond Canada of staff, material, etc.
(5) INTER-LIBRARY LOANS OF PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY INFORMATION.
(6) Setting up a LIST OF LIBRARY SURVEYORS who for a fee would give competent advice on library problems on which the individual members possessed expert information.
(7) ENCOURAGEMENT of the compiling of CANADIAN REFERENCE BOOKS to make information on Canada more available.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Committee recommends the following amendments to the Constitution:

Article 3 MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND FEES

Section 1

The complete section shall be deleted. The following shall be substituted:

Membership of the Association shall be made up of the following groups:

(a) Active: Any person actively engaged in library work as a means of livelihood.

(b) Associate: Any person interested in the objects of the profession.

(c) Life: Any ~~active~~ member who has paid the life membership fee.

(d) Honorary: The Association may confer honorary membership upon persons who have rendered service to the library movement or upon others distinguished in literature, etc.

Section 2

The entire section with the exception of subsection (f) shall be deleted. Section 2 (f) shall be known as Section 2 (b). The following shall be added:

(a) A Finance Committee in cooperation with the Executive shall work out a scale of dues adequate for the operation of the Association; such scale to be voted upon by membership in Convention.

Article 7 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

The following sentences shall be deleted: "This Committee shall call for nominations two months before the Annual Meeting and shall submit at least two names for each office to be filled. At least one of all these nominees shall hold a non-administrator position, which term shall mean a person not holding the position of librarian, assistant librarian, head of a department, or head of a division. Vote shall be by secret ballot. Further nominations may be accepted from the floor. The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself or herself."

Section 1 as deleted shall be known as Section 1 (a).
The following shall be added:

Section 1

(b) This Committee shall call for nominations by mail at least two months in advance of the Convention. Each nomination shall be signed by three members and be accompanied by the acceptance of the nomination by the nominee.

(c) In case of more than one nomination for any office, the Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot which it shall send to each active member of the Association at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting.

(d) The Nominating Committee shall have charge of the conduct of the election, and the counting and tabulation of all votes cast. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot conducted by the Committee.

(e) Only active members as defined in Article 3, Section 1 (a) may have a vote.

Article 8 AMENDMENTS

Delete sections 1 and 2.
Article 8: Amendments shall be known as Article 8: Procedure.
Sections 3 and 4 shall be renumbered Sections 1 and 2.

Article 9 AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Any amendment or amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made at the Annual meeting of the Association, such amendment or amendments to be passed by a majority of those present.

Section 2

Notice of motion of proposed amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be given in writing to all members at least ten days prior to date of meeting at which such motion shall be presented.

Cicely Ellis
Margaret N. Hincks
Jean Porter, Chairman

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Employment Committee has had a quiet year. Only one inquiry was received, from a recent Toronto Library School graduate, concerning possiblities of employment in British Columbia. There was also one application from a local librarian concerning the qualifications of some of the persons on our files. Both matters were dealt with.

The library schools at McGill, Toronto, Washington and California have been asked, as usual, for any information concerning British Columbia students, or students interested in working here. At the date of writing (April 9, 1946) only California and Washington have replied. California has no Canadian students this year, but Washington lists 5, though it does not specify whether or not these students plan to return to Canada. A list of new graduates will be circulated when McGill and Toronto have also been heard from.

The Employment Committee regrets to report the resignation of its chairman, Miss L. Roberta Wilson, in February of this year, when she left British Columbia for Manitoba, to take up a new position in Brandon. We wish her every happiness and success in here work there.

Mary E. P. Henderson
Acting Chairman

FINANCES COMMITTEE

A meeting was held of the Finances Committee february 9th at 3 p.m. in the Vancouver Public Library. Four members were present including Miss Irne McAfee, President, ex officio. Correspondence had been held with Mrs. Muriel Ffoulkes but distance made attendance impossible; the Committee will continue to keep in close touch with Mrs. Ffoulkes.

The concensus was strongly in favour of an intensive membership drive. This is not merely for increased income but also because of the added inspiration and importance of a larger organization. All employees from senior clericals up should feel it mandatory to join the BCLA; and all others interested, both inside and outside the Library, will be welcome. (The Constitution, Article 3, reads, "Any person engaged in library work in any capacity, and others inerested in the objects of the Association, may upon payment of the annual fee, become members of the Association.)

There are many reasons for asking for more funds and a large percentage of employees is better able to pay more because of recent salary increases. There is need of money for holding executive meetings in other parts of the Province; for better programs, including speakers' fees; for clerical work, printing, mimeographing and supplies; for affiliating with more organizations (Article 2 ... "to cooperate, whenever feasible, with other organizations.") and for participating in library affairs in North America and in other countries. Concerning the last reason it is recommended that the BCLA support the suggestion that each library contribute toward convention expenses of librarians elected from its library to represent the BCLA, (or as a generally elected

delegate from B. C.) because the library in question benefits more than other libraries from the information gained by the delegate. An excellent example has been set by the University of British Columbia in paying the expenses to the ALA Midwinter Conference of a delegate chosen at a general ALA election.

In the past, individual librarians and wealthy patrons have helped the Association with donations or memberships and doubtless this will continue in some degree in the future but the organization has passed the missionary stage and should have sufficient funds to develop itself and do the work necessary for library growth and employees' welfare without depending on such donations.

The Committee heartily endorses an annual grant from the Provincial Government of $500 (see BCLA Bulletin Jan. 1946 p. 2).

The Committee recommends raising individual dues by rearranging the scale:

Yearly salary	Up to	$ 999	$1.00 fee
	$1000 to	$1499	2.50
	$1500 to	$1999	4.00
	$2000 to	$2499	5.50
	$2500 to	$2999	7.00
	$3000 up	. . . . .	8.50
	School librarians	. . . . .	2.00

(Because school librarians' dues to the BCTF are high (see scale below) this flat rate of $2.00 each is suggested)

This now reads (Constitution, Article 3 Section (2) (a) - amended)

Yearly salary	Up to	$ 999	$ .50 fee
	$1000 to	$1499	1.00
	$1500 to	$1999	1.50
	$2000 to	$2499	2.00

The committee recommends raising institution dues by rearranging the scale:

Budget	Up to	$10,000	$2.00
	$10,000 to	$20,000	5.00
	$20,000 to	$50,000	10.00
	$50,000 up	. . . . .	25.00

The present rate is (Constitution, Article 3 Section (2) (d)

Budget	Up to	$10,000	$2.00
	$10,000 and up	. . . . .	4.00

The Committee recommends increasing funds by allowing the payment of life memberships by librarians of $25.00 instead of $10.00 (Article 3 Section (2) (b). This should not be allowed until five years before retirement.

For purposes of comparison, dues of other organizations are given.

Teachers' fees (Local fees extra: $1.00 to $2.00)

	Regular fee	Graduate fee #
Salary up to $1500	$ 8.50	$ 4.50
$1501 to $2000	10.50	5.50
$2001 to 2500	13.00	6.75
$2501 to 3000	15.50	8.00
$3001 to 3500	18.00	9.25
$3501 and up	20.50	10.50

Note: # Graduate or half fees apply to:
(a) Normal or University Graduate during first year of teaching
(b) Teachers leaving profession December 31st
(c) Teachers appointed during the second half of the school year

Professional engineers' fees

Registration fee	$15.00	Considered a fee for examination of credentials
Registration	$20.00	Includes annual fees for current year
Annual fee	$15.00	
Engineer in training	$ 5.00	
Engineering pupils	$ 2.00	
Life membership		persons 70 years of age who have paid all fees for 10 consecutive years immediately previous

Nurses' fees

Active nurses $5.00
Inactive nurses . . .$3.00

(The first is subdiveded into: $1.00 national, $0.20 district, $0.55 chapter, $2.00 to placement service, $1.25 for association expenses)

Lawyers' fees

Annual fee entitling practice (compulsory)	$ 30.00
(to be increased to) . . .	50.00
For foreign applicants on application for call to the bar . .	1500.00
" " " for admission as a solicitor . .	1500.00
(or $1500.00 for both)	
On application for enrolment as a student	50.00
For first intermediate examination	10.00
" second " "	10.00
" a student for call	100.00
" an articled clerk for admission as a solicitor	100.00
" B. C. solicitor for call to the bar	250.00
" B. C. barrister for admission as a solicitor .	250.00

Union fees

The Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver says that each individual worker pays so much a month to his own organization and 5 cents per member per month for affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council is taken out of this. Mrs. Ffoulkes reports that laundry workers pay $1.00 and fruit workers from $1.00 to $2.00 dues a month.

The Committee also discussed coordinating dues of ALA, PNLA, CLC, SLA, MLA and other library organizations, paying one lump sum to be divided among the designated organizations, with a generous share to be retained for home use. This is so complicated, because of the number of constitutions involved, that for the present, only the sanction of the BCLA to investigate these possibilities and report back at its next meeting is requested. A beginning is suggested with the BCLA and CLC.

B. M. Carruthers
Muriel Ffoulkes

Jessie Hotson
Irene McAfee, ex officio
Julia Stockett, Chairman

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE The Committee has held two meetings during the year: on October 2nd, 1945 (reported in the October Bulletin) and on March 28, 1946. A report from the Association's delegate to the Provincial Conference of the Trades and Labor Congress was contained in the January Bulletin. Following its last meeting, the Committee recommends as follows:-

(1) That the Association apply for affiliation with Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labor Council and with Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council on a basis of members actually resident within these areas. This has been discussed with TLC officials in the respective districts and approved. It would cost the Association, at the rate of 5 cents per month per member,

approximately $50 per year, and would entitle the Association to two delegates in Victoria and three delegates in Vancouver

(2) That the following resolution be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, to be presented at its national convention in September: "Resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada appoint a Permanent Committee on Libraries, similar to the Permanent Committee on Education, and that this committee be instructed to bring down a report on 'Better Libraries for Canada' at the next annual convention."

The above two recommendations are submitted as notices of motions and will be discussed in detail when presented by the Committee at the BCLA convention. In the meantime the Committee states its considered opinion that the Association could, with advantage, develop closer relations with the local representatives of organized labor, with whom we are affiliated nationally. There is ample evidence that our cooperation is desired by labor, and there are good reasons to believe that benefits will not be one-sided.

Bertha M. Carruthers
Amy Hutcheson
Irene McAfee
Eleanor Mercer
Dorothy Salisbury
C. K. Morison, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership figures for 1945 - 1946 are:

Individual active members . . 93
Institutional members 8

K. Fenner
M. E. P. Henderson
K. McKenzie
A. Shaw
Ruth Goodall, Chairman

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

Since the last annual conference of BCLA, an annual conference of PNLA has not been held, but a special Round Table was held September 5th and 6th, 1945, on the campus of the University of Washington, Seattle. The complete proceedings of that meeting, which dealt mostly with matters related to the Bibliographic Centre, are contained in the PNLA Quarterly, Oct. 1945.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the University of Washington Library November 5th, 1945. A record of matters dealt with by the Directors appears in the January issue of the Quarterly. The attention on non-members of PNLA is drawn to the Board's decision to publich a collection of the poems of Mrs. Nina Napier. Actual printing will not commence until 150 advance orders have been received.

PNLA is doing excellent work which deserves the support of every member of our British Columbia group.

Ruth Cameron

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE — The following names have been submitted for election:

Honorary President: Hon. G. M. Weir, D.Paed., Minister of Education

Vice-President: Bessie Greenwood
Vancouver Public Library

Eleanor Mercer
University of B. C. Library

Secretary: John R. Lort
Provincial Library

Mrs. Isobel Robinson
Victoria Public Library

According to the constitution, the present Vice-President, Mrs. Christine MacNamee of the Provincial Library, automatically becomes President. No election is necessary for Treasurer, as Mrs. Ruth Goodall of the Fraser Valley Union Library has yet two years of her term of office to run.

Margaret Hincks
Dorothy Jefferd

Amy Hutcheson
Chairman

SALARIES STAFF AND TENURE — The Committee presents herewith a brief report. It was interesting to the committee to note how the salary picture in British Columbia libraries brightened considerably as the year advanced. The first step in our work was to bring up-to-date statistics on salaries by means of questionnaires. This done, the Committee held regular meetings and drew up a Classification and pay plan for British Columbia libraries, based on that of the American Library Association. The complete report includes Personnel specifications, Classification of library positions by grade of Certificate, and Standards of service. The report is printed separately and is being sent to every BCLA member with this Bulletin. The Committee requests that those attending the conference take their copies with them.

Margaret Brunette
Ruth Goodall
Thressa Pollock

Anne M. Smith
Bessie Greenwood
Chairman

WAR SERVICES LIBRARIES

Since no report of the War Services Libraries has been made to the British Columbia Library Association for a year or so, it seems in order to recapitulate briefly the efforts made to furnish books to the armed services and merchant marine on this coast for the last six years.

In Victoria a committee was formed, in December 1939, to distribute books to the forces, which were to be supplied by the IODE in accordance with an agreement made between them and the Ottawa authorities. A similar committee was formed in Vancouver the following February, under the plan by which that committee would serve Mainland camps and the Victoria one those on Vancouver Island. The work started under difficulties as no money was available at that time for new books, and consequently the standard of books obtained by gift was not particularly high.

In 1942, as funds became available, new books were purchased by a committee in Toronto, composed of members of the IODE, one of which was a professional librarian. The Vancouver committee chairman at that time reported in the BCLA Bulletin (October 1942) that "work in the IODE War Services Library is progressing in a fairly satisfactory manner." In Victoria some 12,000 books had been circulated by the end of 1942.

In 1943 the Vancouver committee resigned after distributing approximately 11,000 volumes in the area, and turned the work back to a committee of the IODE which has administered it ever since. No figures of distribution are available for the mainland areas since that time.

In Victoria, the committee continued to handle the distribution of books. A gift of 100 books, a proportion of which were new, was made to each new ship of the merchant marine launched form Victoria shipyards. With increased appropriations, the calibre of books sent out improved tremendously, and for the last eighteen months books for recreational reading sent to the camps were comparable to those contained in any of the public libraries of the province. During the six years of war approximately 40,000 volumes were distributed from headquarters at Victoria.

In October of 1943 the Royal Canadian Navy undertook to establish libraries with members of the WRCNS, recruited for the purpose, looking after them. Books were still furnished by the IODE committee, sent direct from Toronto headquarters. WRCN library personnel were either trained librarians or girls with library experience. The RCAF had also by this time appointed librarians, not always trained, to take charge of the libraries within the camps. To a large extent the IODE was still depended on to furnish the recreational reading, especially to the more outlying stations. The Army, however, had made no provision either for librarians or books, and so was still dependent entirely on voluntary help. In the fall of 1944 Major Angus Mowat was sent from Ottawa to make a survey, but apparently his report found a resting place in the pigeon-hole which is often the home of so many valuable reports. After V.E day, the Army made an appointment or two of trained librarians in the eastern areas, but none in the Pacific command until the fall of 1945.

On January 15, 1946, the headquarters at Victoria were closed; and new books sent back to the IODE at Vancouver for use in the military hospitals and such camps as are still in existence.

Marjorie G. Holmes, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT — Statement of receipts and payments, May 10 1945-Mar.30,1946

Balance at Convention, 1945			$ 98.16
Receipts			
72 Conference registrations at 50¢		$ 36.00	
63 Dinner tickets at $1.50		94.50	
17 Membership dues, 1945-46 at 50c . .	$ 8.50		
39 " " " " at $1.00 .	39.00		
23 " " " " at $1.50 .	34.50		
15 " " " " at $2.00 .	30.00		
	$ 112.00	112.00	
7 Institutional dues " " at $4.00		28.00	
1 " " " " at $2.00		2.00	
Vancouver P. L. Staff Assn., towards flowers . . .		2.50	
Special meeting, 57 dinner tickets at $1.50 . . .		85.50	
Bank interest		1.72	
		$ 362.22	362.22
			$460.38
Payments			
Conference expenses, 1945		$ 157.85	
Special meeting, expenses		109.50	
Contributing memberships: ALA	$ 25.00		
PNLA	2.00		
MLA	3.00		
Educ. Assoc.	5.00		
Trades & Labor Congress of Can. . .	16.74		
	$ 51.74	51.74	
Stationary and postage		62.41	
Exchange on cheques and money orders		3.37	
Bulletin		28.31	
Flowers		6.00	
		$ 419.18	$419.18
Balance on hand March 30, 1946			$ 41.20
Bank balance March 30, 1946		$ 79.38	
Less outstanding cheques		39.56	
		$ 39.82	
Cash on hand		1.38	
		$ 41.20	$ 41.20

Ruth H. Goodall
Treasurer

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARIANS WANTED

The British Columbia Civil Service Commission is advertising for library assistants at the salary of $1440, rising to $1740 per annum, plus cost of living bonus. One position is open at Prince George and two at Victoria. Qualifications: graduation in library science from a recognized university. Applicants must be British subjects under 45 years (male) and 40 years (female), and in the case of females, unmarried or self-supporting. Preference will be given ex-members of His Majesty(s Forces.

Applications giving full details will be received by the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., not later than May 31, 1946.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT

The 'Public Libraries Act' is under consideration by a committee of the Public Library Commission. Suggestions from library boards and librarians as to changes in the Act, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Public Library Commission.

CHILDRENS' LIBRARY ASSN.

Miss Amy Hutcheson, New Westminster Public Library, is the British Columbia representative on the membership committee of the Childrens' Library Association, which is affiliated with ALA. Miss Hutcheson invites childrens' librarians who are not already members of ALA to get membership forms from her.

NEW WESTMINSTER

In February of this year, a Film Council was formed in New Westminster as part of the British Columbia Cooperative Film Exchange sponsored by the National Film Board. The Public Library was designated as a depot, and the Librarian is Secretary-Treasurer of the Film Council. Much interest in the Exchange has been shown by organisations and individuals in the city.

The growth of the Library's collection of recorded music was encouraged further by a grant of $100 from the Public Library Commission. This grant matched the Board's appropriation for records for 1946 and is appreciated very much.

The Library Puppet Club composed of members of the Boys' and Girls' Room and led by Miss Amy Hutcheson staged their second performance at the Library on March 30th, when they presented 'Cinderella.' They were assisted by the Lister-Kelvin Junior High Puppet Club under Miss Hester Richards, who presented an elaborate version of 'The Sleeping Beauty.' These performances proved to be a powerful magnet, which drew many newcomers to the library.

OAKALLA The Oakalla Library has started a new 'department' during the year. A beginning has been made on a collection for the 'Star group' that selected group of boys whose average age is 18.5 years. This will be housed in a small room just off the schoolroom used by the group for special study courses.

The library now has 1185 volumes at the mens' building and 551 in the womens' building. During the year 27,385 books were circulated at the mens' building. This is approximately 86 books per man, and an increase of 100% over last year. At the present time 77% of the population are borrowers. At the womens' building an average of 50 borrowers read 3884 books.

Book reviews are held each month and occasionally a film is shown. Mounted picture exhibits are changed frequently and individual borrowers are loaned special material borrowed from other libraries to help them with their study courses and projects. The inmates continue to donate good books to the library and compiled a list during the year of their favorite books. They really appreciate the library and for some it is the first time they have come in contact with a public library service. The library affords the opportunity really to become acquainted with books so that at a later date the more intelligent reader can more easily make use of his public library. In a number of cases this has happened at the Vancouver Public Library. One inmate wrote that he enjoyed the library so much while he was at Oakalla that he wished it were possible to get some sort of job in the Vancouver Public Library!

A woman who, alas, returned to Oakalla after a few months' freedom, asked if we wouldn't please buy '20,000 Years in Sing Sing.' It was never in when she went to the Public Library.

The library is now definitely a part of Oakalla life.

OKANAGAN UNION LIBRARY The Okanagan Union Library passed its tenth anniversary on April 2nd of this year. Not content with the able service which it has provided since the beginning, the library's board and staff are making plans for a new headquarters building. This will form part of Kelowna's new civic centre.

PRINCE GEORGE A radio broadcasting station opened in Prince George in the autumn of 1945. The local Library Association has taken this opportunity to improve its public service by undertaking weekly broadcasts. The Public Library Commission is making plans for a similar program.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

The Public Library Commission apportioned grants-in-aid amounting to $4444.25 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1946. Additional offers amounted to $500. Assistance amounting to approximately $5000 has thus been rendered, or offered, upon reasonable conditions, to 12 public library associations, 3 union libraries, and 3 city libraries. Further assistance amounting to approximately $5000 was given or offered, from funds for extension services, to 3 union libraries and to 3 community libraries that are organized, or to be organized, under the auspices of local school boards.

Through the thoughtfulness of Miss Louise E. Bridges, who is on the staff of Canadian Legion Educational Services, Ottawa, a shipment of 344 books of a very good average standard was recently distributed amongst the 4 provincial gaols, preference in this case being given to the 3 smaller gaols at Prince George, Kamloops and Nelson. This donation was from surplus stock made available by reduction of activities of the C.L.E.S., and there is reason to believe that considerably larger quantities of books may be early available from the same source and for similar purposes.

Official interest in institutional library service continues to be indicated by the provision from the Department of the Provincial Secretary, of $500 for the purchase of books for the Provincial Home at Kamloops, $200 for Alco Hospital at Haney, and $300 for Mount St. Mary, Victoria. Selection and purchase were made by the Commission. It was pointed out at the same time, that the mere provision of books and periodicals does not constitute library service. There are increasing evidences of a realization of this fact on the part of the authorities concerned.

Open Shelf circulation in 1945 showed an 11% increase over that of 1944, due in large part to expansion of juvenile service. Many letters such as the following give some idea of the appreciation of this service to children in the outlying parts of the Province:-

From Kimberley: "I want to thank you for the books which you send me. I know you go to a lot of trouble pleasing everybody and I think you should be thanked. Boys and girls in British Columbia today are very happy for what you are doing for them. Thank you very much."

From Wells: "I would like some books to read very much. So will you send me some books to read. I am nine years old. And I am in Grade Four. I haven't much to read. I will look after them very good. That's all for now. Your friend, ..."

The Commission has two committees working on the problems respectively of a greater Vancouver Metropolitan Library District, and the general revision of the 'Public Libraries Act.'

There is evidence of greatly increased public library interest in outlying parts of the province, not only revived interest where library service has been dormant for years, but also in new districts where the library question has come up actively for the first time. This is in many instances traceable directly to the PROGRAMME FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. New developments are under

consideration in Duncan, North Vancouver, Port Mellon, Grand Forks, Trail, Nakusp, Revelstoke, Burns Lake. Enquiries and resolutions have also been received from widely scattered points in the Peace River District, where there is happily every prospect of early library development.

Tenders are called for a $25,000 building for the Public Library Commission's North-Central Branch at Prince George, for April 8th.

The Commission has been advised that the Civil Service Commission has approved the classification of Junior Library Assistant, with qualifications and salary as noted in an earlier item in this Bulletin. This re-classification was made in March, pending final decision upon revised librarian classifications, which were at that time under general consideration.

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Developments in the building program of the Vancouver Public Library are proceeding apace. Architects for each of the three branch libraries have been recommended to the City Council and immediately on approval planning will begin. The sites for the Hastings East and South Vancouver branches have been determined, the former being a gift of Forsts Ltd., and consisting of two fine lots in the block immediately east of their department store. This splendid gift was recognized at a suitable ceremony held in the City Hall Council Chamber. The South Vancouver site formed part of the former MacKenzie school site on Fraser Avenue near 44th. This site was obtained through the cooperation of the Vancouver School Board and is conveniently located to the business district and the John Oliver High School. The Dunbar branch site is under negotiation.

Difficulties in settling the Civic Centre question are holding up the determination of the location of the main library building. If the Central School site is decided upon for Civic Centre purposes, undoubtedly the library will form part of such a Centre. If not, it will be necessary to secure a separate site and location for the main building.

Miss Annie B. Jamieson retired recently from the Library Board after thirty years' service. During these years Miss Jamieson worked incessantly for better working conditions, better salaries and higher standards of training. It was due to her insistence that the first trained librarian was appointed to the staff and it was with a great sense of satisfaction that she retired after having made such a worthwhile contribution to the cultural and educational life of the city. At a special luncheon meeting the Library Board presented Miss Jamieson with a wristwatch, and at an evening reception the Staff Association gave her a portable radio and other gifts. The good wishes of all her friends go with Miss Jamieson for a long and happy period of retirement.

LIBRARY SCHOOL

It is quite definite that no library school course will be offered at the University of British Columbia in the 1946-1947 session. However the matter will be carefully considered this autumn by the University and by the Department of Education. Meanwhile, rooms which would be readily adaptable for library school purposes are being provided in the new wing of the University of B. C. Library, construction of which should commence shortly.

Rumors have been circulating that Toronto Library School has refused admission to qualified students from British Columbia. This misconception is denied by Miss Winifred G. Barnstead, Director of the school, in a letter of March 29th, 1946, to Mr. E. S. Robinson:

"... We are always delighted to have students from the provinces in the Library School and so far have not refused anyone who had the qualifications for admission. We shall not refuse anyone for the 1946-1947 session, unless of course there is an unprecedented demand for admissions. We have only one student from British Columbia this year. In 1944-1945 we had three. In no case have we ever had more than four students from British Columbia. McGill has none this year from B. C. and only one last year ..."

PERSONAL NOTES

Three members of the Vancouver Public Library staff have returned from the services: Margaret Creelman, Jessie Maitland, and Arabel Peirson.

Buchanan: Mrs. T. D. Buchanan (née Joan Bramley) is working part time in the Reference Department of the Vancouver Public Library.

Evans: Miss Maureen Evans has joined the staff of the Public Library Commission branch at Prince George as clerical assistant. Miss Evans is holidaying from teaching and experimenting with library work.

Kerr: Mrs. Mary Kerr has transferred from the Vancouver Public Library to the Reference Department of the University of B. C. Library.

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